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PRESS RELEASE

USAID-Funded Kyrgyz Agro-Input Enterprise Development Project Organizes a Ceremony for the Opening of the Uch-Terek Farm Store

On May 22, 2008 Kyrgyz Agro-Input Enterprise Development Project (KAED), funded by the United States Agency on International Development (USAID) will organize a ceremony for the opening of the Uch-Terek Farm Store in Uch-Terek village, Toktogul region, Jalalabat Oblast. The initiative for opening the store came from a member of Association of Agribusinessman (AAK) Jer Azygy – Guljamal Samatova.

The promotion of quality-certified seeds, fertilizers and crop protection products along with the improvement of the agribusiness dealers' network are the main objectives of the store opening. Products such as various seeds (vegetables, fruits and other plants), potassium, nitric, phosphorus, turf fertilizers, crop protection products and veterinary medicine make up the stock of the farm store.

Among the different services provided by the farm store, consulting is available on fertilizer application, cultivation of different types of plants, veterinary issues, etc.

The KAED Project works on the development of the input-market in northern Kyrgyzstan and integrates agricultural input markets countrywide. The goal of KAED is to stimulate Kyrgyzstan's growth in agricultural output by promoting private-sector investment in agricultural input technologies and marketing.

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